Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I shall look into the matter in the new aspect, and see whether it is profitable or justifiable to take it up as a capital work.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* In view of the assurance of the Chief Engineer, I do not press the motion.

Motion by leave withdrawn

Cut Motion No. 19

Bridge near the second mile-stone from the basin of the Shanmukham Canal

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* Sir, I move *to reduce Rs. 4,416,872 for Public Works, Communication, by Re. 1. The object of my motion is to bring to the kind notice of the Government the urgent necessity of providing a bridge near the second mile stone from the basin of the Shanmukham Canal.* I do not wish to take much time of this House. This question has already been raised by Mr. Viswambharan and I wish to bring to the notice of this House one important fact regarding this question. Government in their anxiety to make Irinjalakuda a more prosperous town has spent nearly two lakhs of rupees in constructing the Shanmukham Canal. I bring to the notice of this House that if the question of some bridges is not considered by the Government at the earliest opportunity, they will be doing a positive disservice to the rural population inhabiting Chelur, Edathirinji, Padiyur, etc. To a question the other day the Hon'ble Member for Public Works was remarking that he has not made a personal enquiry into the matter.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* No. No. I have selected the places for constructing 3 bridges across the canal.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* What about Peishkar Road?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Then I did not think it to be necessary. Now I think it is an important place where we should have a bridge.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* This Peishkar road is within the limits of the Municipality.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Technically speaking it is so. But, the Municipality has no real work to do anywhere there.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* The bridge mentioned in my cut motion, if thoroughly enquired into, will be found to be the most important bridge that will help the people of the neighbouring

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localities. If an enquiry is made the department will be convinced of the importance. There are so many petitions pending before the Government on this question. Then, this is a bridge which will give help to so many school-going children. Now, they find it quite impossible to go to the school. I therefore humbly submit that the Government should earnestly conduct some enquiry into the matter and should take steps at least to provide a foot bridge there.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It is far from my intention to do any disservice to the people. I shall look into this question once again and if it is found necessary, I shall recommend it to the Government.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* Thinking that the Hon'ble Member for Public Works will make an earnest attempt in the matter, I beg leave of the House to withdraw my motion.

Motion by leave withdrawn.

Cut Motion No. 20.

Improvements to the Hill Palace Road.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambair *(Trippunittura):* Sir, I rise to move *to reduce the allotment of Rs. 4,16,872 for Communications by Re. 1. This is to impress upon the Government the desirability of improving the condition of the Hill Palace Road.* I am very sorry to bring to the notice of this House that in spite of the fact that this road is one of the most important roads in the State, the condition of the road at the end of every year is usually so miserable that even persons who walk along the road find it difficult to do so. I do not know whether the members sitting on the other side have experienced it, because most of them are used to travel only in cars. Even in that case I am sure they will have felt it, because a tyre which lasts ordinarily for one year can only last for 3—4 months when it is driven along this road, especially during the closing months in every year. Somehow the amount allotted for annual maintenance is so used that the road is not maintained properly at all. Anyone, who happens to go by this road during the closing months of the year, will be convinced of this fact. The importance of this road need not, I believe, be brought to the notice of this House by me, as it is the road which connects Ernakulam with the residence of His Highness the Maharaja. I think that in view of the importance of this road it is up to the Government to permanently improve its condition. I remember to have read an article in the "Modern Review" recently, wherein it is stated that at a cost of 75 thousand

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